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1. FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE PROVIDED DEPT SPOKESMAN ON QUOTE IF ASKED UNQUOTE BASIS:

Q. WAS USG INVOLVED IN SELECTION OR PARTICIPATION OF AMERICAN ATHLETES IN SOUTH AFRICAN GAMES?

A. PARTICIPATION OF AMERICANS IN THESE GAMES ARRANGED DIRECTLY BY SOUTH AFRICAN AND AMERICAN SPORTING ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED. THERE WAS NO OFFICIAL USG PARTICIPATION IN PROCESS.

Q. ARE ANY BLACK AMERICAN ATHLETES PARTICIPATING?

A. WE UNDERSTAND THAT BASKETBALL TEAM FROM UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN FLORIDA WILL PLAY IN SOUTH AFRICAN GAMES AND THAT THREE OF TEAM MEMBERS ARE BLACK.

Q. ARE SOUTH AFRICAN GAMES SEGREGATED?
A. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT GAMES THIS YEAR ARE " OPEN", THAT IS, THAT BLACK AND WHITE SOUTH AFRICAN ATHLETES WILL BE COMPETING IN GAMES AGAINST EACH OTHER AND AGAINST

BLACK AND WHITE ATHLETES FROM OTHER COUNTRIES.

Q. DOES PARTICIPATION OF AMERICAN ATHLETES IMPLY THAT US IS OFFICIALLY REPRESENTED AT GAMES?

A. ABSOLUTELY NOT. THESE ARE PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS OR TEAMS COMPETING UNDER THEIR OWN BANNERS. (END CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE.)

2. WASHINGTON POST REPORTED THURSDAY THAT AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION' S TRACK AND FIELD BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO CONTINUE POLICY AGAINST MEETS WITH SOUTH AFRICA. AAU SAID IT WOULD NOT ISSUE TRAVEL PERMITS FOR MEMBERS OF PACIFIC COAST CLUB OF LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA, INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN SOUTH AFRICAN GAMES.

3. DECISION, BASED ON 1967 POLICY APPROVED BY NATIONAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TRACK AND FIELD COMMITTEE, REACHED IN TELEPHONE POLL

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OF 12- MEMBER BOARD OF ATHLETES, COACHES AND TRACK OFFICIALS.

4. AAU, IN STATEMENT FROM INDIANAPOLIS HEADQUARTERS, SAID: " THIS POLICY DOES NOT PERMIT TRACK AND FIELD TEAMS REPRESENTING THE U. S. TO COMPETE IN SOUTH AFRICA DUE TO THATNATION' S GOVERNMENTALLY- ENFORCED APARTHEID RACIAL POLICY. UNQUOTE

5. STATEMENT SAID LATEST AAU DECISION ' IS AN EXPRESSION OF SOLIDARITY WITH MAJORITY OF AFRICAN NATIONS REPRESENTED BY SUPREME SPORTS COUNCIL OF AFRICA. WHETHER OR NOT ATHLETES FROM US TRAVEL AS INDIVIDUALS OR NOT, THEY ARE CONSTRUED TO BE REPRESENTING USA IN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION. "

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